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ALMA

Feb. 2. Several members of the choir sang for the Last Vows at Santa Clara, and at St. Joseph's, San Jose.

Feb. 4. Mr. McGough (Ore.) fell out of a tree on Radio Hill. Badly bruised, he was knocked unconscious. Fortunately, no bones were broken; 30 stitches were taken in his chin.

Feb. 5. The electrical generator installed a couple of months ago, paid dividends, providing light for 4 hours, when the power was off and we would have been in darkness.

Feb. 5. Fr. Bourret, just back from China, talked on the Chinese situation.

Mr. Harold McKinnon, Santa Clara graduate, spoke on "Natural Law and Contemporary Jurisprudence."

Space for a volley ball court has been leveled next to the gymnasium.

Feb. 5. A few flakes of snow fell at Alma. Around Tevis' Rocks there was enough snow to make snowballs.

A Bendix washing machine was bought a couple of months ago. It has paid for itself several times over. On the way to recreation, theologians throw in their things, which it washes, rinses and wrings. On the way back from recreation, the theologians hang up their finished clothes to dry.

LOYOLA HIGH

Feb. 10-24. Provincial Visitation.

Feb. 2. Frs. Duggan and Schenk pronounced their Final Vows.

During Lent, the boys are encouraged to attend daily Mass, receive Holy Communion, pay visits to the Chapel, make the Stations.

Feb. 11. At the annual birthday party of the Henry Welch Guild, Fr. White entertained with Shakespearean renditions.

Feb. 16. Gigantic banquet in honor of Bill Barnett, who for twenty years has served as class teacher and basketball coach. To surprise him, his mother and father came from the East. The Dads' Club presented him with a new 1948 Chevrolet.

Feb. 20. High School Sodality Regional Convention held at the Elks' Club under Fr. Lord's direction. The day opened with Mass and Holy Communion at the Cathedral.

The basketball team won the Catholic League championship.

Lenten Series: Fr. Kehrlein at St. Anne's; Fr. Parrish, Blessed Sacrament; Fr. Sausotte, St. Agnes; Fr. Dan Stack, St. Ignatius.

Fr. Gaffney coaches varsity baseball; Mr. B. Brannon, the Junior Varsity.

Mr. Terry was called East to be with his mother during a very serious operation.

LOS GATOS

Jan. 12. Wm. E. Sessing, a Coadjutor Postulant, arrived.

Jan. 22-30. Many were victims of "virus-x." At one time there were 2 Fathers, 15 Juniors and 2 Novices in bed. Jan. 26-30. The Juniors had no classes and a special order of the day, to get as much fresh air and sunshine as possible.

Feb. 2. Fr. Maring's Last Vows. In the evening there was a Mystery Play, directed by Fr. Rector.

Feb. 8. Fr. McKey went to O'Connor's for an operation.

In late January, the Novices started extending the right field of St. Joseph's ball field, and building a new fence. The work, still in progress, is under Fr. Master's direction.

Lenten Courses: Fr. Kelleher at St. Patrick's, San Jose. Fr. Silva at St. Ignatius, San Francisco.

MANRESA

The "Jesuit Retreat Bulletin," is a quarterly, edited by Fr. Thos. Sullivan.

January attendance for five retreats totaled 72. Due to the "flu," one retreat was made by only four. The present capacity of the house is 20.

The Pacific Electric has erected a shelter station at Palm Drive for our men. The Santa Fe replaced its wooden sign posts with metal reflectionists. Both improvements are due to our retreatants.

Frs. Daze and Ivancovich conducted the student retreat at St. Mary's Academy.

The officers of the Retreat Association deem it wiser to defer building a dormitory with private rooms. Our Dollar-a-Month Club has about \$5000 in the bank.

SAN FRANCISCO

Feb. 2. Last Vows of Frs. Gilligan and Spohn.

Feb. 12. Fr. Minsiter was taken quite ill. Somewhat improved, he is still in the hospital.

Feb. 14. Some 400 attended the annual Jesuit Mother Card Party.

Fr. Z. Maher preached during the Forty Hours Devotion.

Gen. Fred Butler, brother of Fr. Ray Butler, was principal speaker at the Annual Alumni Banquet, attended by 800. His subject: His experiences in Korea.

Feb. 16. Fr. McKee returned from the hospital. Due to an automobile accident, he is on crutches.

During Lent, daily Mass is celebrated in the USF Student Chapel.

The body of S/Sgt. Robert Semple, former novice, was recently returned from the South Pacific.

A Department of Education under the direction of Fr. Harney, has been added to the College of Liberal Arts. The State Board of Education has approved USF for the granting of Secondary Credentials for teaching in any California secondary school. This distinguishes the University as the first Catholic Men's College on the West Coast to offer a teaching credential for secondary schools.

Joe Kuharik has been signed to replace Ed McKeever as Head Football Coach of the University.

After several months in the hospital, Mr. O'Toole is recuperating at Phelan Park.

A Labor-Management School has been established under the direction of Fr. Lucy. From Mar. 2 to May 13, classes are held on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. evenings.

"Caesar" has been chosen for the high school play.

Over \$1000 was collected in the Mission Drive in the High School during the first week of Lent.

Novena of Grace: Fr. Robt. Tallmadge.

Tre Ore: Fr. Vaughan.

THE FRANCESCA SOCIETY

The Francesca Society was started by an Italian Jesuit about 1860, when St. Ignatius was on Jessie Street, San Francisco. The society devoted itself to the poor, making clothing for them and distributing food. It has shared the changes and vicissitudes of the Jesuits in San Francisco.

1880. The Francesca moved to Hayes and Van Ness. In 1890, it held its meetings in the new sacristy, where on big feast days, these ladies prepared grand decorations for the altars. The ladies sought to care for the soul as

well as the body of the poor. In 1884, 800 children attended catechism in our classrooms. Eventually, at the insistence of His Paternity, this work was turned over to the different parishes, and St. Ignatius Sunday School was closed.

1906. The lovely and spacious sacristy at Hayes and Van Ness perished in flames. The Francesca Room was reduced to a small office at the entrance of the 2211 Hayes Street residence. Work for the poor continued. At an annual Xmas Tree in the school's basement, children were made happy with candy and toys, and parents with clothing and food for themselves and their little ones.

1921. When the Fathers moved to the Fulton Street residence, which was the gift of Mrs. Bertha Welch, the Francesca Society occupied the present Fathers' Recreation Room, then built expressly for the Francesca. This is why it has an entrance outside the cloister. Fr. General did not like this Francesca Room in our house. The idea of a group of women meeting and working in our residence, sounds worse than the fact really was. However, we were under such great obligations to Mrs. Welch, not only for the Fulton Street residence, but still more for the fortune spent in the complete interior decorating of the church, chapels, and auditorium at the Hayes and Van Ness institution, that the Francesca Room could not be denied her.

1927. A satisfactory solution was found to the difficulty, when the Arts Building of the University came into existence. A large reception room was assigned to these ladies as the Francesca Room. Their room in our residence, became the recreation hall for the Fathers, who until then had been squeezed into the small room beneath the Scholastics' recreation place.

1947. The College Francesca Room was changed into needed Deans' offices. After 20 years of plenty, the Francesca Society is again in want of a place in which to meet, sew and receive spiritual instruction. Undoubtedly, their good work will go on as bravely and generously as before.

BELLARMINE PREP

The building fund is growing. December added \$13,455. January added \$6,240. To date there are 131 members in the One Hundred Dollar Club.

Vacation Days, prior to Easter Vacations, have been cut to one, Washington's Birthday; because the Easter Holidays will be extra long, in order that all the teachers may attend the N.C.E.A. in San Francisco during Easter Week.

Fr. Rector wrote a letter to Dr. Hardesty, on the eve of the Public School Bond Election in San Jose, to give assurance that neither Bellarmine, nor its friends would vote: No. The athletic difference between the schools under Superintendent Hardesty's jurisdiction and Bellarmine, can be patched up. But even so, it would be no cause for voting No.

The parents of First Year boys who had not done well in the first semester, were personally informed that their son had been placed in a remedial class for the second semester, imposing on him double periods in Latin and Algebra, to make up and carry on. Such a boy has been deprived of school study periods and gym periods. Parents have to see that he does plenty of home study for the second semester.

The death of Fr. Flynn's brother, Urban, in February, makes a loss of two brothers and a sister in a 12-month period. The mother is 85 years old.

SANTA CLARA

Feb. 2. Final Vows of Fr. Joseph Martin.

Feb. 5. Pre-Lenten Social for the Lay Faculty.

Feb. 9. Rector's Day.

Feb. 10-11. Registration in upper and lower divisions.

Feb. 12. Second Semester starts.

Feb. 17. Frank J. Sheed lectured on "The Catholic Intellectual Revival."

Feb. 24. Semi-monthly lecture to the students by Rev. Aiden, O.F.M., Director of the Young Christian Workers, San Francisco.

Education Courses are again on the University schedule.

Lenten Courses: Fr. Spieler, Wednesdays at St. Clare's; Fr. McMahon, Sundays at St. Clare's.

The Historia Domus gives the following early Santa Clara student body figures:

1851-52—16.	1857-58—152.
1852-53—32.	1858-59—125.
1853-54—66.	1859-60—140.
1854-55—111.	1860-61—130.
1855-56—130.	1861-62—134.
1856-57—137.	

An important letter, written in Rome in 1848, to Fr. Accolti, took two years to reach him in 1850. When he took over Santa Clara in 1851, he described it to His Paternity as a "pig-pen." How different is Santa Clara now!

In the 60's, when there were 150 boarders, a board fence, 10 feet high, replaced the adobe one. Then came the news that the railroad was to run from San Francisco to San Jose. Finally, the news was that the Southern Pacific would start running in January, 1864 (?).

The historian, returning from a visit to San Francisco, wrote that San Francisco's weather in summer, is the worst in the state!

CHINA

Last Vows.

Fr. Brown, Nanking, Fr. Murphy.

Fr. Curran, Shanghai, Fr. O'Brien.

Fr. Fahy, Peiping, Fr. Marin.

Fr. Houle, Peiping, Fr. Marin.

Fr. O'Leary, Shanghai, Fr. O'Brien.

Fr. Oliger, Yangchow, Fr. Klement.

Fr. Thornton, Shanghai, Fr. O'Brien.

Jan. 24. Fr. Moore returned from O'Connor Hospital.

Feb. 2. Fr. Moore said Mass for the first time in nearly two months. As his eyes are in a very poor condition, he is saying a votive Mass.

Feb. 19. Fr. McGreal sailed from San Francisco for Shanghai.

Early in March, Fr. Richard Meagher will also return to China. He is due there before Easter.

The Chinsee Government has recognized our property rights in Nanking. It is a great relief and a great victory.

California has 14 schools under its care in China, 12 grammar and 2 high schools. There are 50 resident high school boys, and 600 non-resident ones. In grammar there are 1559 pupils. Of these 1015 are boys and 544 girls. Teachers: Jesuits 8, Externs 82.

We report 466 baptisms, and 70 converts. First communions 77. Communions in our churches 89,565.

We gave retreats to 65 Sisters, 15 laymen and 250 laymen.

MT. ST. MICHAELS

A new set of figures for the Christmas Crib were artistically sculptured by Messrs. Meany (Ore.) and Stackpool (Cal.)

Jan. 30. Mr. Lopez went to teach at L.U.; and Mr. Costello to teach at S.I.H.

The hockey court had to be constructed on the ball-field. Due to an over-abundance of gopher holes, the usual ground could not be flooded. After a month of skating here and at Wandermere on Thursdays, a chinook blew up on Feb. 15, to end it all.

Feb. 10. Fr. Forster spoke on his approaching trip and work in Japan.

Feb. 12. Fr. Wiatrak of "Jesuit Missions" told of his work with Claire Booth Luce and other converts.

LAST VOWS

On his Last Vow Day, Fr. Henaghan had three Mexican gentlemen kneeling with him at the main altar. Their predieus were covered with rich, red velvet and gold thread ornamentation. An added cause for surprise and happiness was given by an old Father, who

played our well-known "Suscipe" on the church's grand organ.

The parish church of San Felipe Neri, once belonged to the Society, and was called the Church of Our Lady's Assumption. We built it in 1789. What used to be the sodalists' chapel, whose door to the college is sealed, was the place in which the Voviturus changed from laymen to religious attire. He was just able to discern carved in the mouldering stone of an old ablution-font, the letters A.M.D.G. Its recognition brought up the thought of other Vow Days, and the sound of youthful voices which once chanted the glories of Mary in this sodality chapel. Our former adjoining college, is now a government school.

After the Vow Mass, breakfast was served by an old Brother who in 1907 pronounced his Last Vows in this same church. During the revolution, he lived for two years high up in the beautiful tower of the church, whose sacred vessels he was guarding. At night he lowered a basket from the church roof for food, provided by his friends. His was no harmless task, for the front of the building is scarred and chipped with bullet wounds.

VARIA

Summer Retreats

Juniors, Fr. Patrick O'Reilly.

Theologians, Fr. C. O'Sullivan.

Regents, Fr. Maher.

Provincials' Meeting: May 1-7, Oak Park, Illinois.

The Province gave \$1000 to the O'Connor Hospital Drive. Los Gatos and Santa Clara also made donations to the drive.

Jan. 29. Fr. Wm. Deeney was moved from Santa Clara to the O'Connor Hospital.

Archbishop Mitty will make his ad limina visit this year.

Bishop Francis McIntyre of New York was installed March 19, as the Archbishop of Los Angeles.

Due to the rising costs of food, laundry, etc., the guest charge in the houses was raised to \$2.50 per diem.

Mr. John O'Hara was brought from Seattle Hospital to Providence Hospital, Oakland. Fr. John F. X. Connolly travelled with him in a parlor car to Oakland, where an ambulance took the sick man the rest of the way.

Fr. Eugene Doherty went to help in Phoenix during Lent. Also Fr. Stevenson was changed from S. F. Hospital and sent there. So many of the Phoenix staff have become ill, that extra assistance was needed.

Fr. Ray Butler is brave over the

doctor's decision not to operate further on him. He is in Santa Monica Hospital.

Apr. 5. Fr. Ring will preach at the consecration of V.R. Francis Gleeson, as Bishop of Alaska.

Tertian Lenten Work

Fr. Bain, St. Ignatius, Mont.

Fr. Dondero, Hospital, Astoria.

Fr. Monaghan, St. Margaret's, Seattle.

Fr. Mulcahy, St. Vinc. Chapel, Port.

Fr. Pallas, Coos Bay, Ore.

Fr. Playoust, St. Teresa, Seattle.

Fr. Vizzard, Livingston, Idaho.

Fr. Wall, Indian Mission, East Mont.

Fr. Walsh, Providence Hosp., Seattle.

Philosophers' Status

Mr. Babbish, Santa Clara.

Mr. Brewer, Bellarmine.

Mr. Caldwell, L.U.

Mr. Costa, Bellarmine.

Mr. Cunningham, Expectat.

Mr. Dennis, S.I.H.

Mr. Enright, S.I.H.

Mr. Ferguson, U.S.F.

Mr. Fernandez, L.H.S.

Mr. Fitch, Bellarmine.

Mr. Lester, S.I.H.

Mr. Lopez, L.U.

Mr. Maddux, Santa Clara.

Mr. Mahan, L.H.S.

Mr. Manterola, Alma.

Mr. McFadden, S.I.H.

Mr. Menard, S.I.H.

Mr. Mylott, Bellarmine.

Mr. Shanks, U.S.F.

Mr. Smith, L.U.

Mr. Twaddell, Bellarmine.

Mr. M. Zimmers, L.H.S.

Tertians' Status

Fr. Bain, Expectat.

Fr. Brennan, China.

Fr. Connolly, Minister, S.F.

Fr. Dondero, parish work.

Fr. Donohoe, China.

Fr. Fitzgerald, Expectat.

Fr. Ford, U.S.F.

Fr. Mara, Special Studies.

Fr. Monaghan, S.I.H.

Fr. Mulcahy, Univ. of Calif.

Fr. O'Connor, Special Studies.

Fr. Pallas, S.I.H.

Fr. Palm, Expectat.

Fr. Palyoust, Los Gatos.

Fr. Stevenson, Marquette.

Fr. Tait, L.U.

Fr. Vizzard, Santa Clara.

Fr. Wall, Special Studies.

Fr. Walsh, L.H.S.

DEATHS

Fr. Flynn's brother, Urban.

Mr. Kolda's father.